FLAG DAY IS JUNE 14:

Now, more than ever, Americans need to fly 'Old Glory'

From WWWUSAFlag.org

Inspired by three decades of state rations, Flag Day -- the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 -- was officially established by the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in vari-

ous communities for years after year as National Flag Day. Wilson's proclamation, it was not un-til August 3rd, 1949, that President Harry Truman signed an act of Congress designating June 14th of each

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Flag Day Author unknown

What's a flag? What's the love of country for which it stands? Maybe it begins with love of the land itself. It is the fog rolling in with the tide at Eastport, or through the Golden Gate and among the towers of San Francisco. It is the sun coming up behind the White Mountains, over the Green, throwing a shining glory on Lake Champlain and above the Adirondacks. It is the storied Mississippi rolling swift and muddy past St. Louis, rolling past Cairo, pouring down past the levees of New Orleans. It is lazy noontide in the pines of Carolina, it is a sea of wheat rippling in Western Kansas, it is the San Francisco peaks far north across the glowing nakedness of Arizona, it is the Grand Canyon and a little stream coming down out of a New England ridge, in which are trout.

It is men at work. It is the stormtossed fishermen coming into Gloucester and Provincetown and Astoria. It is the farmer riding his great machine in the dust of harvest, the dairyman going to the barn before sunrise, the lineman mending the broken wire, the miner drilling for the blast. It is the servants of fire in the murky splendor of Pittsburgh, between the Allegheny and the Monongahela, the trucks rumbling through the night, the locomotive engineer bringing the train in on time, the pilot in the clouds, the riveter running along the beam a hundred feet in the air. It is the clerk in the office, the housewife doing the dishes and sending the children off to school. It is the te acher, doctor and parson tending and helping, body and soul, for small reward.

It is small things remembered, the little corners of the land, the houses, the people that each one loves. We love our country because there was a little tree on a hill, and grass thereon, and a sweet valley below: because the hurdy-gurdy man came along on

a sunny morning in a city street; because a beach or a farm or a lane or a house that might not seem much to others were once, for each of us, made magic. It is voices that are remembered only, no longer heard. It is parents, friends, the lazy chat of street and store and office, and the ease of mind that makes life tranquil. It is Summer and Winter, rain and sun and storms. These are flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, blood of our blood, a lasting part of what we are, each of us and all of us together. It is stories told. It is the Pilgrims dying in their first dreadful Winter. It

is the minute man standing his ground at Concord Bridge, and dying there. It is the army in rags, sick, freezing, starving at Valley Forge. It is the wagons and the men on foot going westward over Cumberland Gap, floating down the great rivers, rolling over the great plains. It is the settler hacking fiercely at the primeval forest on his new, his own lands. It is Thoreau at Walden Pond, Lincoln at Cooper Union, and Lee riding home from Appomattox. It is corruption and disgrace, answered always by men who would not let the flag lie in the dust, who have stood up in every genera-tion to fight for the old ideals and the old rights, at risk of ruin or of life it-

It is a great multitude of people on pilgrimage, common and ordinary people, charged with the usual human failings, yet filled with such a hope as never caught the imaginations and the hearts of any nation on earth before. The hope of liberty. The hope of justice. The hope of a land in which a man can stand straight, without fear, without rancor.

The land and the people and the flag, the land a continent, the people of every race, the flag a symbol of what humanity may aspire to when the wars are over and the barriers are down: to these each generation must be dedicated and consecrated anew, to defend with life itself, if need be, but above all, in friendliness, in hope in courage, to live for.



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The Service Flag hangs in windows anew for War on Terror

The Service Flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have mem-bers serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.

The service flag (also known as "blu star banners" or "son in service flags") was designed and patented by World War l Army Captain Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry, who had two sons serving on the front line. The flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in service.

During World War II, the practice of displaying the service flag became much more widespread. In 1942, the Blue Star Mothers of America was founded as a veteran service organization and was part of a movement to provide care packages to military members serving overseas; and also provide assistance to families who encountered hardships as a result of their son or husband serving during the

war.
Virtually every home and organization displayed banners to indicate the number of members of the fam-ily or organization serving in the Armed Forces, and covered those blue stars with a gold star to represent each member that died.

The Department of Defense

specifies that family members auplace it in a window of the residence of persons who are members of the immediate family.

Newly elected board for Wives' Club

Navy Wives' Clubs of America (NWCA) Memphis #119 held its instal-lation of new officers for 2005-2006 re-

The newly elected board consists of:

President: Eleanore Salas; Vice President: Sandra Hibbard; Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Hesford; Recording Secretary: Melinda Menser; Treasurer: Patricia Rutter; Chaplain: Susan Martinez; Parliamen-

tarian: Tonya Martchek.
The Wives' Club would like to thank the outgoing board for all their hard work and dedication this past year: President: Lois Wilber; Vice Presi-

dent: Eleanore Salas; Corresponding

Secretary: Dawn Detje; Recording Secretary: Susan Martinez; Trea-surer: Pam Sage; Chaplain: Sandra Hibbard; Parliamentarian: Patricia Rutter

All enlisted Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard spouses are welcome to join NWCA#119.

With the exception of July, the club holds its monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month. The July meeting will be held on July 11th since the 4th of July is a holiday. Come early; refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at NSA Mid-South. For more information, please contact Eleanore Salas at 901-921-8881.

Newsbriefs

Stress, stop-smoking classes

Anthony P. Doran, PhD., clinical psychologist for Navy Personnel Command (NPC), is conducting stress management and tobacco cessation classes on Thursdays in June. Anyone may attend the classes by registering with Doran at 874-4391. Space is limited.

Health Clinic and Pharmacy closing

The Naval Branch Health Clinic and Navy Exchange Pharmacy will close at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 for their change of charge ceremony.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a valuable resource to Sailors, Marines and their families. For more information or assistance in any way, please call 874-7350 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are discouraged. The hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop, located at building S-239, is open Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

D.C. Relief Society workers needed

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If you have experience as a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) caseworker, are moving to metropolitan Washington, D.C., and are interested in full or part-time employment, the Society's headquarters has immediate openings for several certified or Level 3 Society caseworkers. In brand new office spaces in Arlington, Va., the Society offers an impressive compensation package that includes excellent benefits, including free garage parking. Interested and qualified applicants should contact NMCRS by e-mail: HR@hq.nmcrs.org; by mail: HR Division, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 225, Arlington, Va. 22203; or by fax: (703) 696-0144.

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will sponsor the Work The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will sponsor the Work Force Essentials Spouse Employment Program Orientation on June 14, noon-1 p.m., FFSC Classroom 2. The orientation provides information about requirements, qualifications, and participation in the Workforce Essentials Spouse Employment Program. Call 1-800-474-3042 to schedule an appointment. Also, an Interviewing Workshop will be held June 14 from 2-3:30 p.m., FFSC Classroom 2. Extensive training will be given to assist participants in learning what to do and what not to do in an interview. Class includes basics, such as what to wear and take, and advanced information including how to answer tough questions. information including how to answer tough questions.

Citizens can own and display U.S. flag flown in Iraq

From WWWUSFlag.org

People can show their support both for their country and those who serve to protect our way of life and liberty by owning a flag flown over Iraq by Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, otherwise known as the world famous "Purple Foxes."

Each flag flown by the Purple Foxes will be returned with a cer-tificate of authentication containing the squadron logo, the date it was flown and the signatures of both the Commanding Officer and the Sergeant Major.

The customer provides the flag; they may already own one or they can purchase one from a source of their choosing. The customer then will mail the flag to the squadron address below) along with instructions, if any, as to when they would like to have it flown (the squadron may return during September 2005).

Mail the flag (or flags) to: Lt Col Michael R Hudson Commanding Officer HMM-364 Unit 42015 FPO AP 96426-2015

Life is a balancing act...

If you can answer YES to any of the following questions, the NSA MidSouth Child Development Home program might be for YOU!

- ►I would like to bring in extra income for my family, but be able to stay at home with my child(ren).
- ►I live on base.
- ►I live within a fifty mile radius of the base

We are looking for potential providers who will care for children under the age of two. If you are interested in becoming a CDH Provider, please make plans to attend our next scheduled



PROVIDER ORIENTATION



June 13-17 CDH Office, Bldg. S-780 0900-1500

Please RSVP by June 10 to Dianne Ciaccio at 874-7309 or email at diane.ciaccio@navv.mi/ C

Commentary

Speaking for the fleet

Help shape tomorrow's leaders

Jon R. Thompson leet Master Chief Petty Officer U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Each summer, midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy embark upon a summer training program that places all third, second and first class midshipmen into the fleet between academic years. The purpose is to prepare them for commissioned service through active participation in the duties and responsibilities of petty officers and

Midshipmen second and third class integrate into commands at a level commensurate with petty officer third or second class, and midship-men first class integrate as junior officers. The intent is, through three consecutive summers of training, that midshipmen will walk in the shoes of petty officers and officers, giving them a broad perspective of the Sailors they will soon lead and serve with.

For all of you who serve at com-nands that will host midshipmen, I have some advice and expectations I'd like to share with you.

I can't overstate the importance of ensuring our midshipmen learn from the very best during their summer training. In every instance running mates should be assigned that exemplify the image of a sharp, knowledgeable, professional Sailor. The Sailors chosen to be running mates should be volunteers and have a sincere desire to mentor our future officers.

Midshipmen first class must be assigned to highly motivated

lieutenants or lieutenant junior grade who are warfare qualified. Midship-men second and and third class must be assigned to highly-motivated, warfare-qualified third or

second class petty officers.

Command leadership must also remain engaged in the training process and monitor the progress of each and every midshipman assigned. My experience is that when the commanding officer, executive officer, command master chief, officers and chiefs take an active interest in the implementation of this training program, the midshipmen walk away with a much more positive impression of the command and receive an invaluable amount of fleet experience.

My challenge to the leadership in all commands hosting midshipmen is to make the experience meaningful from the moment they arrive to the day of departure. My challenge to all of you who will serve as running mates is to embrace your role as being meaningful, and do everything in your power to educate, train, and mentor your midshipmen. You should also understand that in the years to come, the person you guide just might become your division officer, department head, or even commanding officer later down the road. The relationships you forge today may indeed last a lifetime if you show a legitimate interest in making your midshipman a great officer.

The goals of summer training are

pretty clear. Each midshipman will report aboard with a cruise guide that spells out the various watch stations and tasks he or she is

accomplish. Very similar to warfare qualifications, every attempt should be made to acclimate the midship



standing, engineering, operations weapons, deck, etc. The more you expose them to, the smarter they

Keep in mind that safety is paramount. It's important to ensure our midshipmen have hands-on experience, but it's our job to ensure they don't get hurt. If you insist safety is a key issue, they will see safety is not an afterthought. Shipmates, training midshipmen can be extremely gratifying. Al-

though I truly believe we shape tomorrow's leaders every day of the week, training midshipmen is one of the most satisfying and rewarding things any of us can do. If we all do our part to welcome them aboard, expose them to every facet of Navy life, truly engage them in watchstanding, teach them how to lead people, and ensure they understand not only what we do, but why we do it, the skills they bring to the fleet after graduation will be serve us all.

The immediate professional our part to welcome them aboard,

The immediate professional expertise of the newly commis-sioned ensigns reporting to the fleet depends on all of us. If we all don't take it upon ourselves to teach the midshipmen now, our future leadership may not fully appreciate the need to maintain our incredibly high standard in the fleet.

Chaplain's corner

What do chaplains do?

By Chaplain Rob Beede

When I meet a person at a social event, or if I'm in uniform out in town, I'm often asked, "Chaplain, what exactly do you do?"

It's a good question! Some people think we sit around and pray all day (we pray, but not all day). Others think we do worship services for all sorts of religions (we lead worship for those of similar faith to ours: for those of other faiths, we get some-one from their faith to lead worship for them). Others see us as "generic ministers (there's no such thing as

a generic chaplain).

Navy chaplains have been around since 1775. Each is a minister endorsed by a specific group or de-nomination. (Mine happens to be Bible Presbyterian.) There are more than 250 religious denominations and faith groups that endorse chaplains. These religious groups include Protestant, Roman Catholic, Ortho-dox, Jewish, Buddhist and Islamic.

"Protestant" includes Christian churches like Baptist, Methodist and many others. Currently there are more than 800 active-duty Navy chaplains serving our military and Defense Department civilians and contractors.

We do many things like worship services. Bible studies, counseling, funerals memorial services ban tisms and weddings. Congress mandates that we provide for the free exercise of religion in the military.

However, you don't have to be re-ligious to see us. I've had several atheists come talk with me because they wanted someone to listen to them who cared.

You will find Navy chaplains on base, aboard ship, at naval hospitals and also serving with Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

The most important thing to remember about us is that we are here to serve you. That's what we do!

Company offers troops, families special Father's Day deal

Cardstore.com announced June 1

that it's providing a Father's Day card service for troops and their families. This service is free for forward-de-ployed U.S. troops serving in the Middle East, and costs 99 cents for

those assigned elsewhere.

The company said it will make the process as easy as possible for U.S. military personnel and their families to remember Dad on his special day They can visit the company's Web site and select greeting cards online, or create their own by uploading a photo, and then adding a personal note to the inside. To take advantage of the 99-cent offer, enter promotion code usdad99 at checkout. Cardstore.com will then print and mail the cards in

time for Father's Day June 19.

"Because of the many notes of appreciation we received from the troops for our Mother's Day initiative, Cardstore.com decided to add the Father's Day promotion," said Al Hulvey, company chief executive officer.

The company is engaging in the Father's Day effort as part of its partnership with America Supports You, a nationwide Department of Defense program that showcases America's support for the men and women of the

armed forces.

Since the launch of the America Supports You program in November, more than 2 million Americans, including individual citizens, businesses and organizations, have logged onto its Web site

Kids can scoot along safely with good guidance

From NSA Mid-South Public Safety

High-tech, foot-propelled scooters have become a global fad. Powered by the energy of the rider, they exercise the muscles and heart. They also require balance to ride on one leg while pushing with the other. Above all, they're fun to ride.

Today's kickboard scooters have small, low-friction plastic wheels like those on in-line skates. Made of light-weight aluminum, they can weigh as little as three or four kilograms (six pounds) and fold for easy carrying

No wonder their popularity sky-rocketed almost overnight -- accom-panied, not surprisingly, by a surge in related injuries. In 2000, as millions of Americans took up scooter riding, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reported a 700-per cent increase in emergency visits for scooter injuries. Although scooters are equally popular among urban professionals and youngsters, 90 per-cent of the injuries were to children



der 15 years of age. According to CPSC, protective gear could have prevented or reduced over 60 per cent of

Scooters, like bicycles and skate boards, are not in themselves danger ous. In normal use they seem to be just as safe. Similar safety precau-tions apply. Most scooters are detions apply. Most scooters are designed to be ridden on smooth, flat

surfaces. The small wheels can get caught in potholes, cracks or grated sewer covers. As with any sport, rid-ers need common sense, skill and the proper equipment, and children must

be supervised by a responsible adult.

Most scooters were not built for daredevil stunts. With a standard plate. form less than half that of a skateboard and only two wheels, they are less stable than a four-wheeled skate board. The one U.S. fatality reported was a six-year-old New Jersey boy hit by a car in 2000 while riding a scooter on his home street.

Here are some scooter safety tips (you can find these included with every new scooter purchase):

- Wear the right gear. Protect your-self with a helmet, pads for the knees and elbows, and gloves. Wear shoes with toe protection -- never bare feet, sandals or high-heels.
- Ride in a safe place: on a smooth, paved surface without traffic. Avoid streets or surfaces with water, sand, gravel or dirt.
- · Do not ride the scooter at night





FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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BEGINS JUNE 20
AND CONTINUES JUNE 27, JULY 11, 18, 25, AND AUG. 1
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This informative six-session course will build on your skills toward being a more active parent with your teens ages 13-17. Topics include:

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Meet the challenges of parenting your teen and enjoy it. All classes/workshops at FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER are free; however, registration is required. Contact Linda Busby at 874-5075.



Quote noted

Never hate a song that's sold a half million cop-

The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has nobody to thank

-- Dante Gabriel Rossetti, English artist and poet

I don't like money, actually, but it quiets my nerves

We have no desire to make anybody look like a blithering idiot, but we love it when they do. - Stephen Colbert, American writer, comic, actor

I've been close to Bette Davis for 38 years -- and I have the cigarette burns to prove it. -- Henry Fonda, actor

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Local officer's daughter's enlistment marks three generations of family's service

By JO1 Teresa Frith NPC Strategic Communica-

Three generations of the Harris Family have served their country U.S. Navy, with SN Rebecca Kaye Harris completing boot camp May 27, as the latest in the Harris family to

Her father, Cmdr. William K. Harris, now serves here as the Navy Personnel Command

Branch head of PERS-673. He enlisted in December 1973 and has been on active duty ever since. Harris was commissioned as an administrative limited duty officer in August 1985.

Rebecca graduated from Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, III. and will remain in Great Lakes to attend Hospital Corpsman "A"

Her grandfather, Wayne Harris, served from 1946 to 1947, and was honorably discharged as a fireman

SN Rebecca Kaye Harris (above, center) stands with her parents, Cmdr. William K. Harris and Donna Harris after graduating from Navy boot camp on May 27, making her part of the third generation of Harrises to serve in the military. Besides her father, Rebecca's sister, Judith (below) is also serving in the Navy and her grandfather, Wayne, served from 1946-1957.

first class.

Rebecca's sister, MA3 Judith Hahn, enlisted in June 2002 and is still on active duty at the Security Detachment in Kings Bay, Ga.

"It was a great honor to enlist Rebecca in the U.S. Navy as she left for boot camp in April, said Cmdr. Harris. "Our trip to Great Lakes with our family to see her graduate truly marked the beginning of her career. It's exciting for all of us to carry on this proud Navy



Navy Exchange customers still save more than 21 percent

NNS

The Navy Exchange Service Command's (NEXCOM) first independent pricing survey done in February 2005 shows that customers are still saving more than 21 percent on the products they pur-chase from the Navy Exchange. The savings are even greater when sales taxes are added.

Retail Data, the independent re-

search firm that conducted the survey, compared the prices on approximately 400 items in Navy Exchange against major retailers.

"For the third consecutive pricing survey, the results indicate that customers are saving over 21 percent when they shop at their Navy Exchange," said Rear Adm. Rob-ert E. Cowley III, NEXCOM's com-mander. "Our mission is to provide quality goods and services at a savings and to support quality of life programs. We are meeting our mission with these survey results."
In each of the 36 different de-

partments shopped throughout the stores, the Navy Exchange continues to save customers money. For example, in luggage, the savings are 45 percent; in home furnishings, 38 percent; in boys clothing 34 percent; in girls' clothing, 33 percent; in shoes, 26 percent; in infants/toddlers clothing, 25 percent; in toys, 24 percent; in cameras, 16 percent; in electronics, 14 percent; and in computer and peripheral equipment, nine percent Once again, these savings are all before sales tax.

The survey also determined

savings by eight major regions in the United States. The savings found in Bethesda, Md., were 20.76 percent; Everett, Wash., 21.35 percent; Great Lakes, Ill., 19.58



percent; Norfolk, Va., 19.71 percent; Pearl Harbor, 24.13 percent; Pensacola, Fla., 20.27 percent; and San Diego, 22.23 percent. "I hope our customers are be-

I nope our customers are be-ginning to realize that when we say "We Save You Money Every Day," that it's not just a slogan in our stores," said Cowley. "It really means what it says. Our custom-ers can be confident that every time they shop in a Navy Ex-change they are saying money." change, they are saving money.

For related news visit the Navy Exchange Service Command Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/nexcom/.

Online video game new tool for recruiting

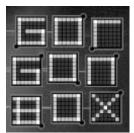
By Jeffrey G. Nichols CNRC Public Affairs

Your awareness is heightened. You sense someone is watching you, monitoring your movements, waiting for you to get closer. You have no time to waste; you need to reach the downed plane and extract the sensitive information. Your country is depending on you -- are you up to the challenge? Navy Training Exercise (NTE)

"Strike and Retrieve" is a new online video game that was developed by Commander, Navy Recruiting Com-mand and its advertising agency to help build interest in and awareness of Navy high-tech jobs. It uses a hypothetical scenario to challenge the player to locate and secure top-secret documents from within a downed unmanned reconnaissance plane, all the while battling challeng-ing underwater terrain, deep sea creatures and an opposing force also on the trail of the downed plane.

Strike and Retrieve has been desoline and retrieve has been developed to provide young men and women aged 17 to 24 with a chance to participate in a "highly sensitive, top-secret" mission. While Navy Recruiting continues to reach out to this audience via more conventional recruiting methods, gaming and interactive electronic media have increasingly become an aspect of this audience's daily lives. Accordingly, the Navy is working to reach them via these new avenues

Strike and Retrieve will draw participants and test their skills in dif-



ferent areas that Sailors in the Navy experience in their everyday life and challenge their own skills. There will also be an opportunity for players to learn more about the Navy while searching for special codes to help guide them through the game. The game directs players to Navy.com to find the special codes. The ini-tial version of Strike and Retrieve is downloadable from the Internet and is stand-alone (one player). Plans for future missions and versions that will grow with technology, the Internet and player demands are still under consideration and plan-

ning.
Strike and Retrieve is expected game is mentally challenging, and while the game is aimed at a spe-cific age group -- younger players -- more experienced players can also enjoy the game without fear of violence and gore.

The game is planned for launch on June 15. For more information

on the game scenario, go to http:// gorgonbox.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NSA CHAPEL CENTER

JUNE 20 - 24, 2005 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Ages 5 - 12 years old



Registration forms available at the Chapel Center. All registered children must have a Medical Power Of Attorney, also available at the chapel. For more information call the Chapel Center at 874-5341.

Teenage helpers are needed as volunteers and welcome, but must also be registered.

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American Society of Military Comptrollers Tri-State Chapter

MONTHLY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

June 15 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Helmsman Complex, NSA HID-SOUTH

Guest Speaker: Robert Barnes, Memphis Grizzlies Topic: The Grizzlies and their Community Service

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, June 18th, You take

TRICARE officials emphasize one-year deadline to file claims

Beneficiaries who file their own TRICARE claims should remember that, with few exceptions, claims must be filed within one year of the date of medical service or from the date of discharge from an inpatient facility.

That's the word from officials, who added that beneficiaries also have one year from the date they receive medi-cation to file for reimbursement of pharmacy claims. Ad-ditionally, the one-year filing deadline applies to those who file on behalf of individuals with other health insur-

The deadline applies to TRICARE Standard beneficia-ries as well as to TRICARE Prime enrollees who obtain emergency or urgent care outside of the TRICARE region in which they are enrolled. TRICARE Prime and Extra providers are required to file claims on a beneficiary's be-

half, and must also meet the one-year requirement.
TRICARE beneficiaries who use non-network pharmacies to obtain their prescription drugs pay full price at the pharmacy and then must file a claim to obtain reimbursement. Beneficiaries have many options for obtaining a claim form (DD 2642): from a TRICARE Service Center, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator or health benefits advisor at their military treatment facility; by mail from the TRICARE Management Activity, 16401 by maintainment in the Arc warding entractivity, 1940 F. Centretech Parkway, Aurora, Co. 80011-9043; or online at www.TRICARE.osd.mil/claims.

By law, other health insurance held by TRICARE ben-

eficiaries must be the first paver for covered benefits, including covered pharmacy services. TRICARE pays first, however, when prescriptions not covered by other health insurance are covered by TRICARE or when other health insurance coverage is exhausted. In either case, beneficiaries must obtain an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from the other health insurance indicating that it doe

the medication, or that the benefit limits of the other health insurance have been reached. Beneficiaries must submit a DD 2642 form with the EOB, a copy of the itemized bill and, if a drug claim, a copy of the prescription to the appropriate TRICARE contractor for reimbursement.

Exceptions to the one-year timely claims filing dead-line apply if one or more of the following situations occur:

• The beneficiary was TRICARE-eligible at the time of

- service, but eligibility was not reflected on the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System until after the
- uthorization was received after the
- timely filing limit expired;
 TRICARE Management Activity or the regional contractor made an administrative error
- A legal guardian responsible for managing the affairs of a mentally incompetent patient, or a patient who is unable to communicate, was appointed after the timely filing date was reached:
- The provider submits the claim as a TRICARE-participating provider after changing from a non-participating
- . The patient submitted a claim to their other health insurance in a timely fashion and the insurance plan was responsible for a delay beyond the one-year filing date; or

 • Medicare accepts TRICARE for Life claims as timely.

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McConnell retires

Janice M. McConnell (left), Housing Facilities, receives a command coin from Captain Helen F. Dunn, commanding officer, Naval Support Activity Mid-South, during McConnell's retirement ceremony after 30 years of government service.

NNMC study finds colonoscopy best method of colon cancer screening

Colon cancer experts from the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) participated in a collaborative study with the National Cancer Institute that found colonoscopy detects cancer better than other screening methods

According to the yielded research, which was published in the New England Journal of Medicine May 19. other common screening methods such as fecal blood testing and flex-ible sigmoidoscopy (examining only the lower quarter of the colon) are not as successful in diagnosing advanced pre-cancerous polyps. In fact, screen-ing methods other than colonoscopy may end up missing deep-set, pre-can cerous colon polyps in up to 30 per-cent of men and up to 65 percent of women, according to the study's lead author, Phillip Schoenfeld. Formerly of NNMC and now an assistant professor at the University of Michigan Medical School, Schoenfeld continues to work with the Gastroenterology division at NNMC and the Uniformed Services

University of the Health Sciences.
"While fecal occult blood testing and flexible sigmoidoscopy are less expensive, faster and require no sedation, 65 percent of women with advanced pre-cancerous polyps in our study would have lesions missed if these were the only screening tests performed, because pre-cancerous

polyps are found deeper in the colon in women," Schoenfeld said in an interview with the Newswise media

agency.

The study's findings may be most significant for the civilian health care industry. NNMC has used colonoscopy as its primary screening tool since 2001, but many civilian providers are still using blood testing and sigmoidoscopy, according to Cmdr. Brooks Cash, director of clinical research within the Gastroenterology Division and Colon Cancer Center Initiative at NNMC.

"Many places in the country do not

have the necessary resources to offer colonoscopy to all eligible patients," Cash said. "That being said, sigmoidoscopy and stool cards are acceptable methods of screening;

some screening is better than no screening at all."

The study not only reaffirmed the value of colon cancer screening, it also exposed some slight differences between the way men and women develop colon cancer. The study – first of its kind to focus on female patients – also seemed to indicate women tend to develop colon cancer 10 to 12 years later in life compared to men; however, experts feel this may have little impact on overall disease progression.

According to Cash, both sexes have the same statistical chance of developing colon cancer, and about 6 percent of those who are not screened regularly develop colon cancer.

Navy Log: Living library honoring sea service members

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